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Re: Application of Masaaki SEKINE, Katsuyoshi YAMASHITA and
Michiharu NAKA
LUBRICANT APPLYING SYSTEM FOR A ROLLING BEARING
Assignee: **NSK LTD.**
Our Ref: **Q77763**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/859,044 (Confirmation No.3968) filed May 17, 2001 of Masaaki SEKINE, Katsuyoshi YAMASHITA and Michiharu NAKA entitled LUBRICANT APPLYING SYSTEM FOR A ROLLING BEARING, which is a Divisional Application of U.S. Application No. 09/471,232 filed December 23, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,477,885.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 14 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1762.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/859,044 filed May 17, 2001, which is a Divisional Application of U.S. Application No. 09/471,232 filed December 23, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,477,885; the above noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	10-370097	December 25, 1998
Japan	11-161260	June 8, 1999

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/471,232.



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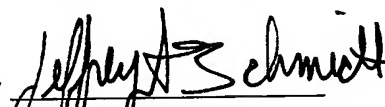
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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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